

Monday, June 28, 1731.

To the Author of An Answer to one Part of a late infamous Libel, &c. in which the Character and Conduct of Mr. P. is fully vindicated.

SIR,



S it is not easy for me to know whether Mr. P. himself is the Writer of this Pamphlet (this Libel I mean) or any other Person for him, I shall not much consider whose it was, but come briefly to what I propose to say;

that if it is Mr. P's own, he ought to demolish that Head against a Wall which had no more Brains than so idly to betray his Heart; if it was any Body's else, he has much more Reason to batinado him than he had Wilkins. He must be a sad Fellow to ungentleman Mr. P. in the Manner he has done; he deserves no Mercy: P. the Head of a Faction, and Leader of a Party! to put the very P. that is to redress, or make Grievances, in a Light that no Man will trust, nor wise Man be guided by, is an Offence never to be pardon'd: And since I have laid down this, I will take it for granted Mr. P. could not be so weak to expose himself in such a flagrant other Person. — therefore suppose you, some Knowledge, upon whom I shall bestow great Freedom, according to your own laudable Example. And as you have begun with Abuse upon those Persons who have wrote on the Side of the Ministry, by calling them opprobrious Names. I must say, thro' their whole Writings, no Lyes have been told which they are convicted of, nor the Rules of Humanity transgres'd by them; and I dare say for the very meanest of them he was not in his lowest Circumstances within many Degrees of being so base a Wretch as yourself, nor his Sreatness of Circumstances ever subjected him to such paltry Falshoods and mean Evasions: But now to your Answer; for I have little to do with what's past, only to say I cannot find your dirty Fellow by any Comparison within my Knowledge.

You vouchsafe in some Places of your Libel to pretend Loyalty and Respect for his Majesty, and in your last Page with his sign long and glorious: If these are the innuents of your Heart, pray, good Sir, what means your Words in p. 17. addressing the Author of the *Remarks*. 'You would have the King's Affairs and the Publick Service understood as synonymous Terms, and so indeed they ought always to be understood. If this is your Meaning, I defy you to prove that the Gentleman (meaning Mr. P.) whom you accuse, opposes the King's Affairs in general, or attempts to distract the Publick Service; that is, to obstruct any thing which is evidently calculated for the true Interest of the Nation.' If you had consulted Mr. P. he would in Modesty not have permitted you in this Sneer; he would have told you he had opposed every thing that came from the Crown or Ministry without Distinction, and then by right Implication the Case stands thus: Mr. P. having opposed every Affair that has been offer'd from Court, the King's Affairs and the Publick are in Opposition to each other. This is an excellent Compliment to the King to whom you pretend Loyalty.

P. 27. you say, 'I am well assured that this Gentleman (Mr. P.) was so far from ever thinking it the highest Honour, and the first Distinction of his Life, to be rank'd in the Number of your Friends, (the Noble Person's) that at the very Time he acted with you, and endeavoured to support you, he had much the same Opinion of your private Character which he hath at present.' If Mr. P.'s Opinion of

the Noble Person is the same with what you give for his Opinion, he must think the Noble Person the worst Man alive; grant me but this, and you make Mr. P. the greatest Villain in Nature. You own he acted with, and supported, the Noble Person: In what? In an Accusation and Commitment from the House of Commons. Against what? National Justice. Is it sufficient Excuse to say, Mr. P. had no Regard for his personal Integrity, but it was the unhappy Effects of Party Prejudices? Is this your honest Mr. P? Is this your Man of Honour? Are these steady Principles, and these Consistencies? No, here is Ambition and Revenge; here is Spleen, Passion, Resentment, and Weakness; for whilst Mr. P. hated Lord Bolingbroke, and was in an honest Way of thinking, he care'd Sir R. W. angry at Sir R. W. Lord Bolingbroke is his Darling; and the Man he distres'd with all his Might and Power, is become his Ward; and the Misfortunes, now condole, which attend that Lord (next to his own Wickedness) are as much owing to this same Mr. P. as to any other Cause. This is the Gentleman who is lamented as a Loss to his Country, in p. 28, and the Artillery turn'd against Sir R. W. If this is the Character of Mr. P. may Lord Bolingbroke ever have his Friendship. I thank God, I believe no body else would deprive him of it.

... P. 41 ad's the Story of the *Remarks* for *Examiner* Mr. P. seen this Paragraph, that scandalous Lye, (for such it is, in the manner it's told) it could never have been committed to Paper; for I dare say not one Title of it is truly related; and for the Satisfaction of Mankind, I hope it will be told from better Authority than mine; and then it will appear the most humane Behaviour imaginable, from the Noble Person to Mr. P. and not that he came to implore his Aid in any Respect; for notwithstanding his late Flourish in Hyde Park, I will be answerable the Noble Person has Friends near him, whose Courage he knows is capable to defend and serve him, in Time of Need; so effectually, that he wants not to be once obliged to the Heroism of Mr. P.

P. 54, begins your Story of the Reconciliation between the K— and the then P— of W—; and how unfortunate for you is it that all the Probability of a Lye appears in the same Page, even before your Story is one third told; for there you tell the Noble Person 'it is very odd that any one should presume to take a plenary Authority upon Himself to deal for such Numbers as were concern'd in an Affair of this Consequence.' Would not this Speech alarm an Ideot? Is not in it the Fullness of Resentment? Could the Person it was address'd to deliberate a Moment, whether he should converse further, much more trust an important Secret with the Person who deliver'd it? For shame, and in respect to Common Sense, the next Time you form a Lye, lye more decently; the Noble Person will not be so readily suppos'd a Fool; and if he be not your Friend, must be made a Lyar: If you in this Manner destroy Mr. P's Character, what Effects do you hope for from your Threats of a Combination against the Noble Person? and they must be very vain where such a P. as you describe is at the Head of the Accusers. Some Circumstances of Reputation must enable a Man to be admitted an Informer, and more Credit to qualify him for an Evidence; both which must be for ever lost to Mr. P. till he vindicates his Veracity and Honour from the Villainy and Indiscretion of your Libel. Till then, let him not fancy, with all this boasted Assistance, he is able to hurt the Man against whom these random Arrows are thrown.

Yours, &amp;c:

J. ENGLISH.

*A Vindication of the Character and Honour of Mr. P. from the vile Aspersions of a late infamous Libel, intitl'd, An Answer to one Part of the Remarks, &c.*

In a Letter to the Author.

— *Commissa tacere  
Qui nequit, sic niger est. Hunc tu Remans  
cavero.* Hor.

SIR,

YOU set out with assuring the World 'That you are acquainted with the Conduct of Mr. P. and have had the Opportunity of a long Intimacy with that Gentleman.' This you must do, to conceal your real self, and to escape that Correction, which is justly due to your Insolence.

You have been pleased to load this Gentleman with such unprecedent Abuse, as no Heart but yours, who must be a secret and inveterate Enemy to his uncommon Merit, could dictate, and nothing but the most consummate Impudence could usher into the World.

But you shall know, Sir, that you have Men to deal with; and whilst there is a Head able to write, or a Pres open in the Kingdom, your infamous Scurrility shall not go unanswered.

I shall confine myself in this Letter, (intending you shall hear soon from me again,) to that Part of Mr. P.'s Character, contained in p. 54, 55, 56. of your abusive Libel.

Before I enter into the particular Branches of the Charge, which you have exhibited against this Gentleman, without any Foundation of Truth, and highly injurious to his Honour, let me ask you, with what Design are these Things mention'd? Are you in Hopes of diverting the Attention of the Publick from his great Actions? You wane to put us off from the Scent of what is doing at present, and draw us into a Dispute about Things of a secret Nature. You may think yourself extremely cunning in trying this Stratagem, but no body will be so weak as to bite at the Bait.

Having premis'd this, let us now proceed to state Mr. P.'s Character fairly and fully, as you have drawn it out; not in your own Words, for that will be searching into Things of a secret Nature, which I am resolv'd not to meddle with. The ignominious Light in which you have represented this great Man may be shewn, without entering into an Examination of the Truth of those Facts, upon which you pretend to found it.

This then is his illustrious Character; That he liv'd in Intimacy and strict Friendship with another Person.— That in the Height and Warmth of this Intimacy, he did, in a bale and secret manner, betray this Person, in revealing some Things, which he had engag'd himself, by all the Ties of Honour and Friendship, to keep secret. — That after this, which was utterly unknown to that Person, he carry'd on this seeming Friendship, and preserv'd his Intimacy with that Person, for a considerable Time, and in a very strong and particular Manner.— That at length, for secret Reasons, which I pretend not to look into, he disclaimed all Friendship with that Person, and did, in the most publick and unparallel'd manner, disclose Things of the most secret Nature; in Violation of all the Laws of Friendship and Honour, ever acknowledg'd and esteem'd sacred, by all Men, in all Ages, and in all Countries.

This is the Character you give Mr. P. I appeal to the World, I appeal to your self, whether I have in the least added to, or taken away from it.

This is the Man, meaning yourself, Sir; (Behold him well!) who reproaches others with Breach of Friendship; this base Wretch, who makes this vile Use of the long Intimacy

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he boasts, and values himself, to have had with Mr. P.

Would not any body be inclin'd to think you either a Fool or a Madman for this? But you thought, perhaps, to gain Credit with Mankind, that your Facts were true, by saying — I aver this upon my Honour.

Poor weak Man! what Claim or Pretence hast thou to Honour, after the Part thou hast acted? What other End or Purpose couldst thou possibly pretend to serve, by this secret History of thy own Invention, but to sow Jealousy and Discord among those brave, desperate Men; who are enter'd into a Combination and Association to vindicate the Honour, and assert the Laws of their Country?

But know, Sir, it will be in vain for you to make any Attempts of this Kind; for they are come to a determin'd Resolution, and it is a Measure taken amongst them, as they are compos'd of different Gangs and different Classes, not to listen to any Scandal or Scurrility of this Kind whatsoever, or from whomsoever it may come; but to cling together in Unity and Resolution, without Fear of being betray'd, either by Harry, or Will.

Tours, &c.

Deal, June 25: Remain the Grafton, Torington, and Spy Men of War; the Gallipoly, Ayres, for Genoa; the Prince of Brazil, Veale, for Oporto; the Codrington, Sewel, for Antigua; the Happy George, Fitzgerald, for Hamburgh; the Bedwel, Wade, for Bremen; the Three Brothers, Wood, for Newfoundland; the Paphenope, Beal, for Ireland; the Lisbon Merchant, Godlee, for —; Constant Anne, Blackston, for —; the James, Murray, for —; the Ruby, Hanham, for —; the Upner Castle, Russel, for —. Yesterday arrived the Butler, Russel, for Antigua. This Day arrived the St. Mark, Wright, from Zant; the Rose, Hayman, from Oporto; the Little Dolly, Griffith, from Antigua. Wind S. W.

Deal, June 26. The Anne, Blackston, and the Bedwel, Wade, sailed out of the Downs this Morning. All others in my last remain, with the Kinsale and Charlotte Yacht King's Ships; and the Gift, Eagle, for Bristol. Yesterday arrived the Loyal Betty, Towers, and the Lovely Betty, Marshal, both from Jamaica. This Day arrived the Lively, Ayres, from Cadiz; the Prince, Willis, from Malaga; and the Mediterranean, Harris, from Jamaica. Wind S. W.

## L O N D O N .

On Saturday their Majesties in their Chaises, accompany'd by his Royal Highness the Duke and the three eldest Princesses on Horseback, took the Air at Richmond, and diverted themselves for some Hours in the Royal Gardens, and afterwards return'd to Hampton-Court to Dinner.

Yesterday in the Evening a Cabinet Council was held at Hampton-Court.

On Saturday in the Evening an Express arrived at his Grace the Duke of Newcastle's Office at Whitehall, from his Excellency Mr. Keene, his Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary at the Court of Spain, and immediately proceeded with his Dispatches for Hampton-Court.

On Saturday the Grand Jury for the City and Liberty of Westminster, and the County of Middlesex, was sworn at the King's Bench Bar, Westminster; when Mr. Justice Page gave a very elegant and learned Charge on that Occasion.

On Tuesday next his Grace the Duke of Norfolk will set out, with a great Retinue, for his Seat at Arundel-Castle in Sussex, to pass some Months of the Summer Season.

A few Days since Mr. Drinkwater, an eminent Haberdasher of Hats in Cornhill, was taken suddenly ill in the Country, and died within two Hours.

A few Days since, the youngest Son of the Honourable the Lord Lynn, died of the

Small-Pox in the Natural Way, to the great Grief of that noble Family; and his eldest Son lies now dangerously ill of the same.

On Friday last the Lady of the Hon. Tho. Townshend, Esq; was safely delivered of a Daughter, at the Seat of his Father's at Danzick in Kent, and both are like to do well.

Last Night the Corpse of Mr. Fisher, who kept the Crown Tavern in King street near Guildhall, was interred in an handsome Manner at Tooting in Surrey.

On Friday last a Bricklayer's Labourer fell from the Top of an House in Ratcliff Highway, and was bruised in such a Manner that it is thought he cannot live.

It is written from Barbadoes, April 22, that the Lark Man of War was arrived there from Guiney, commanded by Capt. Cockburn, who formerly had the Exeter Man of War. He had buried a Son on the Coast of Guiney, and himself was so sick on Shore, that the Doctors had given him over.

A Grant is passing the Seals for Mr. Booth, Mr. Wilks, and Mr. Cibber, to erect and form Companies for acting Tragedies, Comedies, Opera's, &c. for the Space of 21 Years, to begin 1732.

On Friday last, at a Board of the Hon. Directors of the East India Company, held at their House in Leadenhall Street, upwards of 1000l. was contributed towards the Relief of the poor Sufferers by the late Fire at Blandford and Tiverton.

On Saturday last the Rt Hon. Henrietta Howard, Countess of Suffolk and Bindon, was appointed Groom of the Stole to her Majesty, with a Salary of 800l. per Annum. To serve her Majesty in that Station since her coming to England.

We hear that the Lord Viscount Duplin, only Son and Heir to the Earl of Kinnoul, his Majesty's Ambassador to the Ottoman Porte, will be appointed a Gentleman of the Bed-Chamber to his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

Mary Harvey and Isabella Eaton (who lately made their Escapes out of the New Goal in Surrey with William Mackeig) were re-taken late on Friday Night last in making a Disturbance in St. Giles's, and are since committed to the said Goal.

Saturday South Sea Stock was 103 3 8ths: for the Opening South Sea Annuity 107 1 half. South Sea Bonds 5 l. 16 s. Bank 146 3 4ths. Bank Circulation 8 l. Million Bank 108. India 198 1 4th for the Opning. India Bonds 5 l. 19 s. to 6 l. Royal Assurance 98 3 4ths. London Assurance 12 1 half. African 5 l. York Buildings 25. Three per Cent. Annuity 96 1 half. English Copper 3 l. Welch Copper 2 l 5 s. Lottery Tickets 7 s. 6 d.

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ST. MARGARET'S Vestry-Room,  
Westm', S. Sunday, June 27, 1731.

THIS Vestry taking into their Consideration the deplorable Circumstances of the poor Inhabitants, Sufferers by the two late dreadful Fires at Blandford in the County of Dorset, and Tiverton in the County of Devon; and being well assured, that many Persons in this Parish and the Neighbourhood, are charitably inclined, and would contribute to the Relief of those poor Sufferers; were a proper Person appointed to receive their Contributions: For the furthering of so good and charitable an Intention,

It is ordered, That the Churchwardens of this Parish be (and they are hereby) desired to take upon them the Receipt of such charitable Benefactions, for the Relief of the said poor Sufferers, and that a Book be opened for that Purpose tomorrow Morning, at the House of Mr. John Williams, Grocer, in King-Street, Blandford, (one of the Churchwardens;) and that they cause to be enter'd therein the Names of such Benefactors, with their Benefactions, as well in Words at Length, as in Figures, whereto all Persons may have Refert.

And lastly, It is ordered, That this Order be forthwith publish'd in some one or more of the News-Papers, at the Discretion of the Churchwardens, and as often as they shall think fit, and the Charge thereof shall be allowed on the Account of Office, and not out of the said Benefactions, from which no manner of Expence shall be deducted.

H. M. D. R. E. W.,  
Clerk of the Vestry.

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